

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 10, 2004. Claims 1-36 are pending in the application and remain pending following entry of this response. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Smith, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,578,078, hereinafter *Smith*). Applicant traverses this rejection as follows.

Regarding claim 1, Applicant submits that *Smith* does not teach monitoring operations of a web browser program to detect an event indicating a change involving a web page for which information is stored in a database and, in response to detecting such an event, sending a notification to the database containing information allowing the database information to be updated in accordance with the change, as claimed. Therefore, Applicant submits claim 1 and its dependents are patentable over *Smith*.

Regarding claims 11 and 21, Applicant submits that *Smith* does not teach updating at least one table in a database containing information about a web page in response to receiving a change request from a web browser, the change request containing information indicating the web browser detected a change event related to the web page, as claimed. Therefore, Applicant submits claims 11, 21 and their dependents are patentable over *Smith*.

Regarding claims 29 and 33, Applicant submits that *Smith* does not teach automatically accessing each network address on a list of network addresses referenced in a database, determining one or more changes in location or content related to a web page associated with each network address accessed, and automatically updating the database according to the one or more changes, as claimed. Therefore, Applicant submits claims 29, 33 and their dependents are patentable over *Smith*.

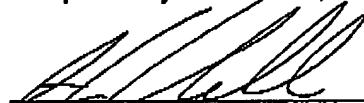
Applicant respectfully submits the claims are in condition for allowance and request withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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